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SUBJ: ICCS: POLISH PARTICIPATION

1. I SAW POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI BRIEFLY JUNE 15,
ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON JUNE 16.

2. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ON A " NOGHT- AND- DAY
MARATHON" DURING HIS TEN DAYS ON WARSAW, RUNNING FROM
MINISTER TO MINISTER, AS WELL AS SEEING GIEREK, JOARSOZEWICZ
AND JABLONSKI. HE HAD TO CUT OUR MEETING SHORT, BECUASE HE
HAD BEEN INFORMED SHORTLY BEFORE IT THAT JOARSZEWICZ WISHED
TO SEE HIM AGAIN BEFORE HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

3. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID THAT " MORE THAN HALF" HIS TIME HAD
BEEN OCCUPIED WITH DISCUSSIONS OF THE DILEMMA IN WHICH
POLAND FOUND ITSELF AS A RESULT OF ITS ICCS PARTICIPATION.
HE SAID THAT, AS I KNEW, HE HAD OPPOSED POLISH PARTICIPA-
TION. HIS POSITION WAS THAT, IN VIEW OF POLAND' S
PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE KEEPING EFFORTS IN KOREA
AND THE OLD ICS S, IT HAD MORE THAN DISCHARGED ANY
OBLIGATION IT HAD TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS KIND OF
OPERATION.

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4. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID HE FELT THAT POLAND SHOULD NOW FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF CANADA. HE SAID HE COULD SEE NO REASON WHY THE ICCS COULD NOT CARRY ON WITH ONLY TWO MEMBERS (I. E., INDONESIA AND HUNGARY).

5. I SAID THAT I HAD NO IDEA HOW THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD REACT TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF POLAND. THIS " CURE" MIGHT BE WORSE THAN THE " MALADY". SURELY THE RIGHT WAY TO PROCEED WAS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ICCS TO FULFILL THE OBLIGATIONS THEY HAD UNDERTAKEN, TO GET OFF DEAD CENTER, AND TO CONDUCT THE OBJECTIVE AND IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATIONS ON COMPLAINTS FROM BOTH SIDES, WHICH THEY HAD UNDERTAKEN TO DO BY ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE ICCS.

6. TRAMPCZYNSKI THEN SAID THAT HE EXPECTED A DECISION ON POLAND' S FUTURE COURSE WOULD BE TAKEN WITHIN ABOUT A MONTH. A POLISH DELEGATION WOULD SHORTLY GO TO HANOI AND TO THE SEAT OF THE PRG TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION WITH THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES IN THOSE PLACES. THE VIETNAMESE, HE SAID, WERE " VERY STUBBORN." AFTER THE VISITS OF THIS DELEGATION, THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER ITS NEXT STEP. IT SEEMED TO HIM, HE SAID, THAT THE POLES HAD TWO CHOICES: EITHER TO WITHDRAW OR TO BECOME " MORE OBJECTIVE FROM YOUR (I. E., THE U. S. ' S POINT OF VIEW."

7. WHEN I REPEATED THE ESSENCE OF PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE, TRAMPCZYNSKI MERELY SAID THAT THE CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE RESULTED IN AN ADVERSE US REACTION.

8. I SAID THAT, DURING MY RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, I HAD FOUND OUR AUTHORITIES AS CONCERNED AS EVER OVER THE LACK OF POSITIVE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE POLISH ICCS DELEGATION AND THAT, WHEN I SAW VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI NEXT WEEK, AS I EXPECTED TO DO, I SHOULD BE TELLING HIM THIS.

9. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT TRAMPCZYNSKI WAS
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USING THE OCCASION OF THIS INFORMAL MEETING TO LAUNCH A SOUNDING. THE DEPARTMENT IS BEST ABLE TO JUDGE WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO RESPOND AT THIS POINT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF POLAND' S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ICCS. ON THE ONE HAND, IF WE NOW BEGIN TO EXPRESS OBJECTIONS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF WITHDRAWAL, WE DIMINISH THE CREDIBILITY WHICH WE COULD EXPECT TO EVOKE BY PURSUING WITH FULL VIGOR OUR DEMAND FOR OBJECTIVE AND IMPARTIAL ACTION BY THE POLISH DELEGATION. ON THE OTHER HAND,

IF WE DO NOT REACT SOON TO SUCH HINTS, THE POLISH
LEADERSHIP WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO THINK THAT THIS IS A
GOOD WAY OUT AND ONE TO WHICH WE WILL NOT REACT
SHARPLY. END COMMENT

10. ACTION REQUESTED: IF THE DEPARTMENT
WISHES ME TO REACT TO THIS SOUNDING WHEN I SEE
SPASOWSKI NEXT WEEK, I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
INSTRUCTIONS.
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